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SUBJECT: GOE SEEKING ARMS ASSISTANCE FROM EUROPE

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1. LOCAL PRESS JUNE 11 PICKS UP MENA PRIS REPORT THAT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ASHRAF MARWAN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF ARAB COMPANY OF MILITARY INDUSTRIES, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DELEGATION REPRESENTING COMPANY'S FOUR PARTNERS (SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, UAE AND QATAR) WILL GO TO PARIS TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF HAVING FRANCE ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING "BASE OF MILITARY INDUSTRIES" IN ARAB WORLD.

2. AT SAME TIME MARWAN DENIED JUNE 8 SUNDAY TELEGRAPH
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REPORT THAT GOE HAS CONTRACTED WITH BRITAIN TO BUY

MILITARY EQUIPMENT. MARWAN REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NO CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED, A SERIES OF CONTRACTS WITH BRITISH FIRMS ARE INDEED TAKING PLACE TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF ARMS PURCHASES.

3. COMMENT: HEIGHTENED ACTIVITY IN EUROPE ON PART OF GOE IN CONNECTION WITH ACQUISITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT CONFORMS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT'S RECENT STATEMENTS (REFTEL) THAT HE WISHES TO "DIVERSIFY" HIS SOURCES OF ARMS SUPPLIES. EILTS

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